Kolar District.—The rainfall during the week has been general throughout the district.

The raiyats are busily engaged in their agricultural operations.

The markets are fairly well supplied.

The demand for Burma rice is slack.

Hassan District.—There was a light fall of rain in some parts of the district during the week.

The markets were fairly well supplied with food grains. Standing crops such as *kar* paddy, paddy, ragi and sugar-cane are in a good condition.

Prices of food grains still continue to be high.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present. More rain is urgently wanted in the Arsikere, Channarayapatna and Hole-Narsipur Taluks and maidan parts of Belur Taluk.

Shimoga District.—There has been no change in the food situation in the district during the week.

More rain is wanted in some parts of Shikarpur Taluk and Kumsi Sub-Taluk. The Amildar of Honnali Taluk reports that rain is badly wanted all over the taluk. Conditions in Shimoga Taluk are improving.

Prices continue to be high.

Kadur District.—Necessary food stuffs were available in all the markets in sufficient quantities, but there appears to be no tendency for their prices to go down.

Want of rain is reported to be felt in the maidan parts of the district.

Chitaldrug District.—There have been good showers during the week throughout the district, Jagalur recording the highest, *viz.*, 4·35 cents. The high winds have begun to abate and there is every indication of getting more rains next week.

The seasonal conditions are likely to improve. There has been no change in the prices of food grains.

General (by Food Controller).—There was good rainfall during the week in the districts of Bangalore, Tumkur and Chitaldrug. No report has been received from the Kolar District but it is learned that there has been good rain there also. The standing crops are reported to be in good condition and sowing operations are going on briskly. The rainfall appears to have been insufficient in parts of the Mysore, Kadur and Shimoga Districts.

The markets are reported to have been fairly well supplied. Prices have not shown a tendency to go down except in Tumkur and in the Bangalore City. In Tumkur the recent rains have had the effect of bringing down the price of ragi from Rs. 92 to Rs. 82 per cart load, while in Bangalore City the price has gone down from Rs. 92 to Rs. 89.

Burma rice imports for the current month have been coming in during the week. The issue of the rice from the Provincial Grain Depot to the Municipal Depot as well as to Co-operative Societies is being continued as heretofore.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

The Season and Crop Report.

READ—

1. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. Per. 148, dated the 23rd—27th March 1920, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting with his review * the Season and Crop Report for the year 1918-19.

2. Letter No. 8038—C. 872, dated the 13th May 1920, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore, submitting his remarks on the above Report.

* Printed as an accompaniment.

Order No. 39-98—Stl. 22-19-10, dated 14th July 1920.

Part IV. Rainfall.—The average rainfall for 1918-19 was 30·90 inches against 41·46 inches of the previous year. From an agricultural point of view, the rainfall was not only deficient but ill-distributed.

Part I Area (Table A—1).—The total area of the State at the end of the year under report was 18,861,218 acres. Deducting the area for which no returns exist, the net area showed a decline by about 8,000 acres being 17,479,163 acres against 17,487,879 for 1917-18. The slight change in the figures was due to the revision of figures according to revision survey.

Classification of area. (*Table A—2*).—Two hundred thousand acres of reserved land were transferred from the control of the Forest Department especially in the districts of Shimoga and Kadur reducing the area under 'Forests' to that extent. Part of this land was made available for cultivation and the rest were reserved for communal purposes. The figures under "other lands not available for cultivation" and "net area available for cultivation" increased accordingly to 6,563,880 and 8,605,850 from 6,411,535 and 8,570,408 acres respectively. The adverse seasonal conditions (*vide* last paragraph *infra*) are reflected in the decline of the net cropped area by 549,729 acres or 8 per cent of the area cropped in the previous years. The area under current fallows shows a corresponding rise from 1,342,979 (1917-18) to 1,930,397 acres. The total area irrigated from all sources rose by nearly 68,000 acres to 1,069,035 acres which was nearly one-eighth of the total area available for cultivation and one-fifth of the net area cropped during the year.

Specification of crops (*Table A—3*).—Out of every 10,000 acres under cultivation 3,187 acres were cultivated with ragi, 1,269 with horse gram, 1,072 with cholum, 1,028 with rice, and 65 acres with sugar-cane, the balance being under other crops. The area under sugar-cane was only 4 per cent of the total irrigated area. Though there was an expansion under horse gram, Bengal gram, etc., the total area under food grains receded from 5,523,373 to 5,087,401 acres or nearly 8 per cent. The area under oil seeds declined by nearly 30 per cent, being 252,402 against 355,387 acres. A similar decline is noticed in condiments and spices, sugar, fibres, dyes, etc. There was a small rise in the total area of drugs and narcotics from 133,131 to 142,198 acres, due to the expansion of coffee and tobacco cultivations. The area under mulberry was 45,766 acres against 21,780 in 1917-18, increases being especially noticeable in the districts of Tumkur and Mysore. In these districts is noticeable also considerable contraction in the acreage under arecanut. The Deputy Commissioners of these districts are requested to verify the accuracy of these figures and report the result through the Revenue Commissioner.

Agricultural stock (*Table B*).—The statistics of the fourth quinquennial Census of Agricultural Stock held in January 1916 are repeated under this head.

Incidence of Land Revenue Assessment (*Table—C*).—The incidence of land revenue (on the land assessed) per head of population was Rs. 1-15-4 as against Rs. 1-14-3 of the previous year.

Holdings and holders (*Table—D*).—Government invite attention to the Revenue Commissioner's remarks under this head and trust that in future more care will be bestowed by the Deputy Commissioners in furnishing the figures for Table D.

Transfers of property (*Table—E*).—There has been an increase in the number of transfers and also in the area transferred under the Orders of the Civil and Revenue Courts.

Part II. Estimated outturn of selected crops.—The unfavourable character of the seasons resulted in abonormally low outturn of the selected crops, *viz.*, paddy, ragi, cholum, horse gram and sugar-cane as will be seen from the following tables:—

Crops		Area under crops (acres)	Standard outturn (pallas)	Estimated actual outturn (Pallas).	
1. Paddy	1917-18	818,347	7,222,591	4,438,632	
	1918-19	634,456	5,122,962	2,212,265	
2. Ragi	1917-18	2,317,396	10,596,624	6,375,186	
	1918-19	1,966,411	8,888,431	3,006,270	
3. Horse gram	1917-18	734,349	1,244,482	627,243	
	1918-19	883,397	1,870,892	630,137	
4. Cholum	1917-18	608,001	1,838,014	1,010,210	
	1918-19	660,533	2,138,715	726,381	
5. Sugar-cane	1917-18	44,328	5,217,282	3,634,091	Maunds
	1918-19	40,584	4,860,838	2,434,595	

Part III (b) Wholesale prices.—The unfavourable seasonal conditions coming at a period of world shortage of food stuffs resulted in a phenomenal rise in the prices of rice, ragi, cholum and Bengal gram in all the districts of the State, and consequent suffering among the poorer classes. Throughout the year under review the local grain market had to be continuously replenished by imports from abroad organised by Government.

Part III (a) Exports and Imports by rail.—The values of imports of the chief agricultural products (by rail) were Rs. 3,20,63,259 and Rs. 3,84,98,859 respectively. The principal features of the year were the large rise in the import of rice and decrease in the exports of ragi and cholum.

General summary.—The principal features of the year's agricultural activities may be summarised as follows:—

Out of a total of 86 lakhs of acres available for cultivation, 7·6 lakhs were still unoccupied and 78·4 lakhs of acres were under occupancy. Out of these 19 lakhs of acres, *i.e.*, nearly one-fourth of the area under occupancy was fallow against one-sixth in the previous year and crops were raised only on the balance, *i.e.*, 59 lakhs of acres against 64·5 lakhs in the previous year.

The cropped area was distributed as follows:—

	Acres.	
Food crops	50,00,000	
Oil seeds	2,52,000	
Cocoanut and arecanut	1,48,000	
Drugs and narcotics (including coffee and tobacco)	1,42,000	
Fibres	1,31,000	
Condiments and spices	1,25,000	
Fodder crops	60,000	
Sugar	41,000	
Others	2,70,000	
Total	61,69,000	Acres (including area cropped more than once).

The estimated outturn of the principal crops was poorer than the standard outturn and the previous years' outturn to the extent noted below:—

	Standard	1917-18	1918-19
Paddy	16 annas	9·8	6·9
Ragi	16 annas	9·6	5·4
Horse gram	16 annas	8·0	5·3
Cholum	16 annas	8·7	5·4
Sugar-cane	16 annas	11·1	8·0

Though the agricultural produce was less, prices ruled very high and the increases ranged from about 50 per cent of the previous year's prices, during harvest time to 100 per cent or, even more in some cases, during the months of July and August. The agricultural classes were therefore fairly compensated and the strain fell mostly on the middle classes, the urban wage earners and the Government servants and other employees deriving fixedly monthly incomes.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Director of Agriculture in Mysore.
The Revenue Secretary to Government.
The Secretary to Government, E. & A.
The Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Compiler, *Mysore Gazette.*

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thereof in Government paper for the due fulfilment of the Agency. Failure to comply with any of the conditions agreed upon will render the Agency liable to be cancelled forthwith and the deposit to be forfeited to Government.

A commission at a fixed percentage on the realisations of sales will be allowed to the Agent. The Agent should bear all charges such as shop rent, advertisement, salary of attenders, himself.

5. Government reserve to themselves the right of accepting or rejecting any tender without assigning any reason therefor.

6. The approximate output of textiles available per year will be of a value of Rs. 1,00,000. But the Factory will not be under any obligation to supply any fixed minimum quantity of textiles for the sales through the Agency.

7. Tenderers are requested to sate the lowest terms under which they are prepared to take up the Agency.

8. Various samples of textiles now manufactured can be seen in the Sales Depot, Fort Gate, Bangalore City.

For further particulars apply to the Textile Assistant, Government Weaving Factory, Bangalore City.

V. RANGASWAMY IYENGAR,
Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore.

BANGALORE DISTRICT.

Notice dated 23rd August 1920.

Tenders are invited for the supply of English drugs, for the Mysore Civil Veterinary Department for the official year 1920-21, which should reach this office before the 5th September 1920.

R. W. SIMPSON, *Major,*
Superintendent,
Civil Veterinary Department, Mysore.

TUMKUR DISTRICT.

Notice dated 23rd August 1920.

The public are hereby informed that the Travellers' Bungalows at Tumkur and Kuniga will be closed to the Public on the following dates:—

Kunigal .... 28th August 1920 to 1st September 1920 (both days inclusive)
Tumkur .... On the 31st August and 1st September 1920.

V. VEDAVYASACHARYA,
For *Deputy Commissioner.*

PRIVATE ADVERTISEMENT.

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT JUDGE, BANGALORE DIVISION.

Present: K. KAMASWAMY IYENGAR, ESQ., B.A., B.L., *District Judge.*

Miscellaneous Case No. 3 of 1920-21.

Ankamma, wife of Reddigara Papanna, inhabitant of Dommasandra, Sarjapur hobli, Anekal Taluk ... ... *Petitioner.*

Application for the appointment of guardian to the person and property of (1) Yellappa, (2) Veerappa, (3) Nanjamma, (4) Thimmakka, (5) Putta Reddi, (6) Chowdamma *alias* Subbamma, inhabitants of Dommasandra, Sarjapur hobli, Anekal Taluk.

The petitioner abovenamed having applied to be appointed the guardian of the person and property of the aforesaid minors, the 28th day of September 1920, has been fixed for the hearing of the application, and notice is hereby given to the public that if any other relative, friend, kinsmen or well-wisher of the aforesaid minors desire to be appointed or declared as guardian of the person and property of the said minors, he should enter appearance in person in this Court on the aforesaid date, and be prepared to adduce on that day, any documentary and oral evidence he may desire to adduce in support of his claim to such appointment or declaration.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 21st day of August 1920.

Miscellaneous No. 8 of 1920-21.

In the matter of the last will and testament of the late Mrs. Saphie Hamilton.